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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ZAMBIA-TANZANIA EDITORIAL CONFLICT  
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REF: (A) DAR ES SALAAM 4690, (B) DAR ES SALAAM 4693

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF NOVEMBER 25 RESUMED  
EDITORIAL CONFLICT WITH ZAMBIA'S POSITION THAT GOVERNMENT OF  
INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE SHOULD BE CONSTITUTED WITHOUT ELECTIONS.  
DAILY NEWS RAN TWO ZAMBIAN EDITORIALS, ONE FROM "TIMES OF  
ZAMBIA" AND OTHER FROM "ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL," BOTH OF WHICH  
ADVANCED ZAMBIAN POSITION AND SECOND OF WHICH ASSAILED PREVIOUS  
TANZANIAN ATTACKS (REFTELS) ON ZAMBIA'S POSITION.

2. DAILY NEWS OF NOVEMBER 25 TOOK SPECIFIC ISSUE WITH  
"DANGEROUS" SUGGESTION BY TIMES OF ZAMBIA THAT "IF SMITH  
DECIDED TO QUIT BEFORE HIS INEVITABLE DEFEAT, THEN HE HAS TO  
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DECIDE WHICH POLITICAL LEADER TO HAND OVER POWER TO." DAILY  
NEWS SAID LEAVING TO SMITH THE POWER TO APPOINT THE LEADERS OF  
INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE WAS A TOTALLY NEW POSITION.

3. COMMENT: TONE OF EDITORIAL CONFLICT FROM THIS END REMAINS  
POLITE AND PROFESSORIAL. WHILE PUBLIC AIRING OF MAJOR DIFFERENCES  
WITH ZAMBIA IS UNPRECEDENTED, THERE IS SO FAR NO INDICATION

THAT TANZANIANS BELIEVE DISPUTE CANNOT BE RESOLVED. IF EDITORIAL  
CONFLICT CONTINUES, HOWEVER, EACH SIDE WILL FIND IT MORE  
DIFFICULT TO ACCOMMODATE THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER.  
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